



“2010 E-Prescribing Update”

Physicians who have adopted an e-prescription system are eligible to potentially earn a 2 percent bonus of their total Medicare allowed charges. Effective January 1, 2010 CMS issued a new numerator G code.

G8553 – At least one prescription created during the encounter was generated and transmitted electronically using a qualified e-prescribing system.

CMS reasons that if a physician has an e-prescribing system, and changes their work processes, then there is no added benefit to reporting on the additional changes.

Physicians can show that they are using a qualified e-Prescribing program by reporting on 25 claims only, which should be unique visits (per eligible professional, not per practice) for the entire year. Only one code should be reported on a claims basis with the appropriate office-based service. You will also need to verify that this measure’s denominator code makes up 10 percent of the eligible professional’s Medicare Part B charges. The denominator codes likely to be used are office and outpatient E&M codes 99201-99215.

Listed below is the bonus/incentive payment for successfully reporting on claims for each year:

<u>Bonus</u>	<u>Year</u>
2%	2010
1%	2011
1%	2012
0.5%	2013

For additional information regarding the CMS incentive program visit www.cms.hhs.gov/EPrescribing.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this article, please contact Cindy Tipton @ cindy_tipton@med3000.com.

Remember that February is also Heart Awareness Month!



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